



FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans Demonstrating Good Practices

About These Guides

This “Good Practice” document is comprised of twenty-one separate guides. Each guide assists local plan developers in understanding one FEMA requirement, which supports the creation of federally approvable hazard mitigation plans.

Within each requirement guide, the first section titled *Common Reasons for Revisions*, summarizes aspects of the requirement that planners most often have trouble addressing, necessitating FEMA reviewers to return plans for modification. “Tips” are offered to deepen understanding of how to meet the requirement.

The second section, *Plans Demonstrating Good Practice*, provides one or more examples of plans demonstrating good practices in development and content. Many of these are included courtesy of New England communities; a few have been adapted so they cover all aspects of the requirement, and are thus unattributed. These plan abstracts are preceded by a brief explanation why the content meets requirements. Practices going “Beyond Minimum Requirements” are also noted. Other approaches are possible, so don’t be limited by these examples; the method used should fit the particular circumstances of the community.

The last section, *Regulatory Guidance* provides the exact wording of the specific requirement from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This abstract is followed by an explanation of the intent and fine-points of the requirement as presented in FEMA’s *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide* (Oct. 1, 2011).

The end of each guide concludes with additional FEMA planning aids available online.